

US Intelligence agency's report regarding Pak Nuclear status

***273. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent report by a US intelligence agency states that Pakistani Nuclear arsenal and means of delivery are more effective, more sophisticated and much larger than India; and

(b) if so, what are Government's views on this?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Government is aware of media reports, claiming to be based on assessments by US officials, that Pakistan's nuclear and missile programmes are more advanced than previously assessed. Government relies on its own assessment of Pakistan's nuclear and missile capabilities. Government remains fully committed to taking all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India's security and national interest in accordance with its own assessment of threats to our security.

Filing of movable and immovable property returns by Government Servants

***274. SHRI R. K. ANAND:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to require public servants to submit their movable and immovable property returns on an affidavit to ensure clean public life and contain corruption among public servants; and

(b) whether the review of property returns is being regularly undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) As per the provisions of the Conduct Rules, a Government servant other than a Group D is required to submit a return of his assets and liabilities on his first appointment to Government service. Every Officer holding Group 'A' or Group 'B' post is also required to submit an annual return of immovable property inherited, owned or acquired by him.